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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

## TASK AND TASK ACTION REPORT

TASK00227 - NOTES: KDIV\_FLOODING - RYAN, MARIANNE (A/COMM)

Subject: Re: Firearms

Thanks....

----- Original Message -----

From: Marianne RYAN [mailto:marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]

Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 11:19 AM

To:

Subject: Re: Firearms

Stand by - I'll get that - Marianne

Marianne Ryan

Assistant Commissioner

Officer in Charge

"K" Division Criminal Operations

780-412-5451(Office)

(Cell)

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-----Original Message-----

From: @gov.ab.ca>

To: RYAN, Marianne <marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 7/1/2013 1:06:47 PM

Subject: Fw: Firearms

Marianne:

I the Premier was wanting information respecting the number of firearms that were secured by the police in High River. During our discussion on Friday, you advised that you had asked for the High River Commander to provide you with an accurate figure. Can you share this with me?

----- Original Message -----

From: |

Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 10:56 AM

To:

Subject: RE: SitRep

Thanks | Or perhaps because they don't have registration papers for them...

The Premier asked this morning if it's possible to get the numbers of weapons that were secured. For background info only. She knows the story is going away and has no intention of adding more light to it. Just wanted background info if possible.

Andre

-----Original Message-----

From:

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To:

Subject: Fw: SitRep

Forwarded for info.

Interesting that there isn't a surge of High River residents demanding firearms back. Seems like the indignation is most prevalent in people who are not not affected by this disaster!

Bill

— Original Message —

From: Marianne RYAN [mailto:marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]

Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 10:07 AM

To:

Subject: SitRep

Good morning - here is our latest SitRep:

#### "K" DIVISION - Situation Report

Flooding - Southern/Central Alberta

2013-06-30 1900 hrs

Day 10

#### BACKGROUND:

2013-06-20 the RCMP were called upon to respond to local state of emergency orders in numerous communities and to ensure traffic safety on regional roads impacted as a result of severe flooding in Southern and Central Alberta.

#### STATUS UPDATE:

High River - Another 300 homes are expected to be re-occupied today, which will largely complete Phase 1 of the staged re-entry plan. Phase 2 is expected to start 2013-07-01 and will see most businesses re-occupied and homes in Sector 2 re-occupied. The returning of firearms began this afternoon. Two individuals received their firearms and two others requested the RCMP temporarily hold on to them. A press release to local and regional media was used to advise residents of the return process.

Bus tours of High River by residents to be completed today. The return of vehicles will begin on 2013-07-01.

There are 11 State of Local Emergencies still declared in the province being: City of Calgary (Renewed), Town of Black Diamond (Renewed), MD of Ranchland (County-wide cancelled - Now only for Dutch Creek Watershed, Oldman Watershed and Livingstone River Watershed), MD of Foothills (Renewed), City of Medicine Hat (Renewed), Siksika Nation (Renewed), Town of Turner Valley, Tsuu T'ina Nation, Stoney Nation.

A Provincial State of Emergency remains in effect for the Town of High River.

Siksika Nation: Power has been restored to the entire First Nation.

RCMP accommodation: A temporary Camp for members deployed to High River is being established near High River with 70 beds currently available.

Phase two and three of the Camp construction is on schedule to be completed by 2013-07-01 bringing the total

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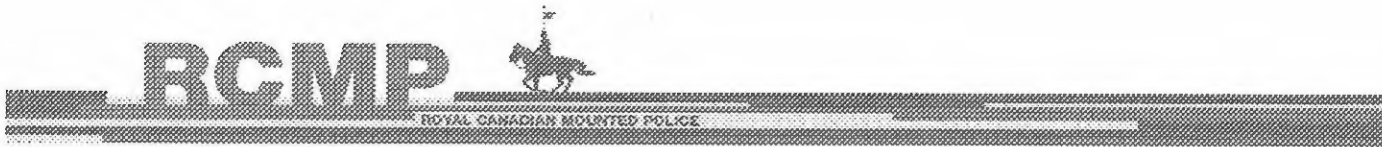


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capacity to 156.

With our assistance 960 pets have been rescued.

### STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

Re-entry plan is on-going.

Perimeter structure and required resources are being re-evaluated with the execution of the re-entry plan.

Alberta Premier is scheduled to visit the RCMP EOC in High River on 2013-07-01.

Victim Services liaisons are co-mingled with provincial resources and assisting in wellness programs for the residents of High River.

Media attention remains high, no immediate media concerns.

Social Media is being monitored.

### STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

Partner agencies are sending public safety messages in support of police efforts.

High River residents continue to show support for our efforts with the re-entry and security plan.

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2013-07-01 20:36

Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden

Task Action: 2,369

From: Janice Armstrong  
To: RYAN, Marianne  
Date: 2013-07-01 20:36  
Subject: Re: Firearms - High River

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Thanks my Friend. All good.

Happy Canada Day right back at you!

Janice

—Original Message—

From: RYAN, Marianne(Marianne RYAN)

To: Armstrong, Janice <janice.armstrong@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 7/1/2013 3:57:46 PM

Subject: Firearms - High River

Hi Janice. I expect this issue will likely come up tomorrow at "prayers" so I wanted to send you this info now so you'll have it in the morning.

The total number of firearms secured during the search and rescue is 529. We have secured additional firearms during the provincial home inspections bringing the total to 553. The ones secured during the home inspections were from residences where the home owners are not likely to return in the next couple of days.

We have returned firearms to a total of 5 people. In fact there is a gentleman at the Det right now picking up 93.

We have signs posted at the evac centres advising people they can come and pick them up and we physically went to 15 residences in Zone 1 which is open and no one was home.

As far as the initial number of 2000 that was conveyed to you, the Commissioner and PS late last week, clearly this number was inaccurate and I accept full responsibility for this inaccuracy. When the request for the number went out through channels to High River Det, I don't think the person on the receiving end knew or realized the importance of the "ask" and likely just guessed. Totally not acceptable and I will pursue this at another time on several levels but I do believe we were in the middle of the "battle" at the time. And while I was "unhappy" when I found out the real number later on Friday, I guess I do understand why this happened.

Let me know if you think you'll need anything else for tomorrow and feel free to share this with anyone you feel appropriate.

Happy Canada Day! Marianne

Marianne Ryan

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2013-07-02 09:02

Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden

Task Action: 2,368

From: National\_Operations NOC

To: CAP DGs; CO; CROPS ; Commissioner Office; ESML; Executive Officers;...

Date: 2013-07-02 09:02

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Subject: NOC Situation Report / Rapport de situation –"K" Div., High River, 2013-07-01  
CC: Emergency Management  
Attachments: 20130702\_k\_floodingHighRiver.pdf

Please be advised of the following NOC Situation Report, submitted to your attention for your information.

Veillez prendre note de ce rapport de situation du CNO, acheminé à votre intention à titre d'information.

JB (Ben) Clement, Cpl  
NOC/CNO

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Submitted by – Rédigé par

(D.P. FLEURY) Insp.

SAD EOC – Operations Chief

Date

2013-07-01

Recommended by – Recommandé par

(K.HARRISON), C/Supt.

SAD EOC Director

Date

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2013-07-01

Approved by – Approuvé par

(M.C. RYAN), A/Commr.

Criminal Operations Officer

Date

2013-07-01

Reviewed by – Examiné par

(K. HARRISON), C/Supt.

SAD EOC Director

2013-07-01

2013-07-02 12:57

Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden

Task Action: 2,367

From: @gov.ab.ca>  
To: Marianne RYAN <marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
Date: 2013-07-02 12:57  
Subject: RE: Latest SitRep

Thanks Marianne...

From: Marianne RYAN [mailto:marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]  
Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 10:41 AM  
To:  
Subject: Latest SitRep

Good morning | here is our latest SitRep from last night - let me know if you any further info on any matter.

Marianne

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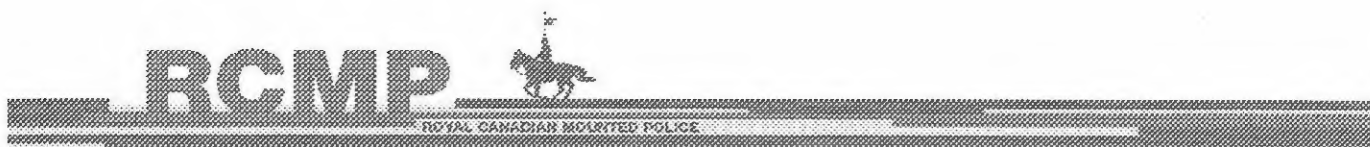
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2013-07-03 16:29

Author: Insp HANEY, John

Task Action: 2,366





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**From:** John HANEY  
**To:** RYAN, Marianne  
**Date:** 2013-07-03 16:29  
**Subject:** Gun Storage Photos  
**Attachments:** Gun Storage #1.JPG; Gun Storage #2.JPG; Gun Storage #3.JPG

Hi Marianne, I'm not sure if these will make it through - they are 9 MB in size. If not, I will bring down a USB stick.

John

2013-07-03 17:54 Author: SCHLOSSER, Mary Task Action: 2,365

**From:** Mary SCHLOSSER  
**To:** HQ\_CommsAlert@rcmp-grc.gc.ca  
**Date:** 2013-07-03 17:54  
**Subject:** High River Media Inquiry  
**CC:** AVERY, Janine; HARRISON, Kevin; JONES, Brian; NEELY, Patricia; STEPH...

Hi Folks,

I wanted to give you a heads up re: Calgary Sun reporter informed MRO Sgt. Neely an hour ago that she intends to run a story on RCMP coming across and seizing grow ops during door-to-door search and rescue operations in High River last week. Reporter says she has reliable sources indicating that police took down at least one grow op and seized \$10K cash.

Mary

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2013-07-03 21:11 Author: S/Sgt JONES, Brian Task Action: 2,364

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From: Brian JONES  
 To: RYAN, Marianne, SCHLOSSER, Mary, HQ\_CommsAlert@rcmp-grc.gc.ca  
 CC: HARRISON, Kevin, STEPHENSON, George, MILLER, Roger, NEELY, Patricia, VALIQUETTE, Josee, AVERY, Janine  
 Date: 2013-07-03 21:11  
 Subject: Re: High River Media Inquiry

Good evening :

With apologies for Interrupted message.

Metrics are difficult due to member turn over RMS challenges and diversity of tasking.

The exact # of CDSA seizures is not known.

I will be in High River early Thursday and will work with DO Harrison and Comm Strategist Schlosser in anticipation of 9am.

Sgt Neely is busy with Stampede activities in the am.

—Original Message—

From: Marianne RYAN  
 Cc: HARRISON, Kevin <Kevin.Harrison@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
 Cc: STEPHENSON, George <george.stephenson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
 Cc: JONES, Brian <brian.jones@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
 Cc: MILLER, Roger <roger.miller@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
 Cc: NEELY, Patricia <Patricia.NEELY@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
 Cc: VALIQUETTE, Josee <josee.valiquette@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
 To: SCHLOSSER, Mary <mary.schlosser@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
 Cc: AVERY, Janine <janine.avery@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
 To: <HQ\_CommsAlert@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 2013-07-03 10:05:43 PM

Subject: Re: High River Media Inquiry

All - Kevin Harrison will be getting a report together for tomorrow morning setting out all of the items our members seized from homes during the search and rescue phase of this response. This will assist us in consistent messaging on all levels. Marianne

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—Original Message—

From: Mary SCHLOSSER  
 Cc: HARRISON, Kevin <Kevin.Harrison@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
 Cc: RYAN, Marianne <marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
 Cc: STEPHENSON, George <george.stephenson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
 Cc: JONES, Brian <brian.jones@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
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 Cc: VALIQUETTE, Josee <josee.valiquette@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

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Cc: AVERY, Janine <janine.avery@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

To: <HQ\_CommsAlert@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 7/3/2013 7:54:53 PM

Subject: High River Media Inquiry

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2013-07-04 11:11

Author: SCHLOSSER, Mary

Task Action: 2,363

From: Mary SCHLOSSER  
To: marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca  
Date: 2013-07-04 11:11  
Subject: good news stories

S/Sgt. Brian Jones Drayton Valley – In High River as MRO from beginning.

CST. Ranbir Sohanpal \_ K HQ Federal Policing – cell 780-916-7796 – worked roving patrols during search and rescue ops. Has a story about resident undergoing chemo who did not want to leave given she did not think she could handle stresses of being with crowds in shelters. He and co-workers alleviated her fears and helped her leave. First hand insight into how concerned residents were about leaving pets behind.

Cpl. Chris Reister – co-ordinated helicopter rescue operations that resulted in 600 + rescues in height of storm. SAD Livestock Investigation Unit and one of only two Mounties authorized to do police work on horseback....from horseback to helicopter....

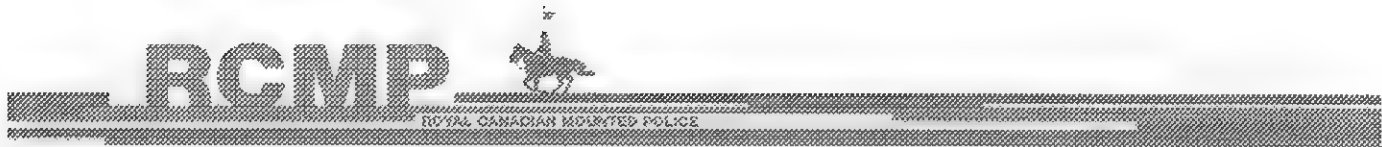
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Patty suggested retired who assisted in shelters and at EOC as required. High River resident who lost rental home (not his own home) in flood. Well known/trusted in area.

Cst. Jody Young – Red Deer and who attended shelters daily to keep evacuees informed of operations. They did a great job, were a visible and trusted presence at shelters, they showed flood video to evacuees before it was released publicly...they and other RCMP shelter helpers received standing ovation when they left.

The following names were provided by STO

Cst. Grant Kneller Strathcona GIS – he picked us up at airport – was posted to High River previously so his knowledge of town layout was important...knew town and its people...could speak to members who lost their homes...remember he told us about one member who had just built a home

Cst. Doug Miske Leduc – Logistics guy

Cpl. John Powell – Vegreville

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2013-07-05 12:33 Author: Sgt GAGNON, Julie Task Action: 2,382

From: Julie Gagnon  
To: CAMPBELL, RON; NEELY, Patricia; SCHLOSSER, Mary; VALIQUETTE, Josee  
Date: 2013-07-05 12:33  
Subject: Letter sent by Commr Paulson  
CC: Cefaloni, Christina; Richer, Marc  
Attachments: comm msg high river REV 2\_2\_1\_1.docx; News Release CPC 1\_2.doc; McPhail 2\_4\_1.pdf

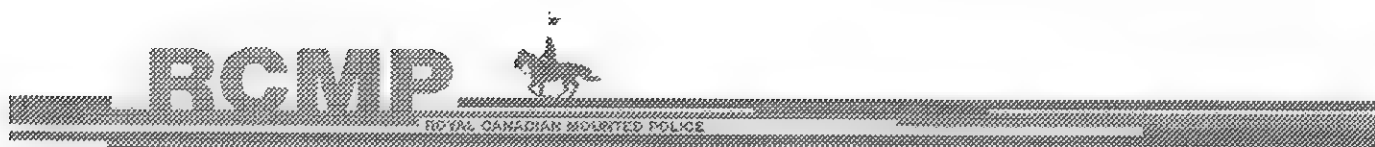
Hello my dear colleagues from K Division,

I'm just closing the loop here making sure that you have all the information. As you probably saw, Commr Paulson wrote a letter to the Interim Chair of the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP (CPC) to consider a "Chair Initiated complaint" in relation to actions in High River. I have attached all the comms documents for you awareness. Should you receive any calls related specifically to this, please refer them to us at 613-843-5999.

Thanks  
Julie

Julie Gagnon, Sergeant/Sergent  
Media Relations Officer / Agente des relations avec les médias

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2013-07-05 12:55

Author: Sgt VALIQUETTE, Josee

Task Action: 2,361

From: Josee VALIQUETTE  
To: DEGRAND, Marlin; RYAN, Marianne; STEPHENSON, George  
Date: 2013-07-05 12:55  
Subject: Fwd: Letter sent by Commr Paulson  
CC: CAMPBELL, RON; DE GOEIJ, Glenn; NEELY, Patricia; SCHLOSSER, Mary  
Attachments: Letter sent by Commr Paulson

Hello,

You are probably aware already, I thought you should have the letter sent from Commissioner Paulson to the CPC.

As per our Communications counterparts request in NHQ all media inquiries will be re-directed to their office.

Thank you

Josee

Sgt. Josée Valiquette  
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2013-07-06 15:37

Author: A/Comm RYAN, Marianne

Task Action: 2,360

From: KDIV  
To: KDIV\_DIST  
Date: 2013-07-06 15:37  
Subject: CPC - Chair Initiated Review - "K" Division - High River, AB.

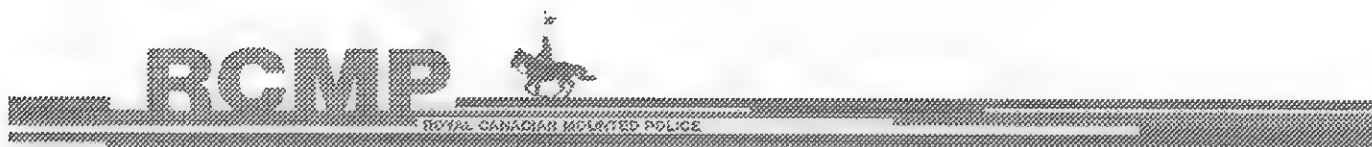
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As of this moment, K Division employees continue to provide assistance to the residents of High River as a result of the recent floods in southern Alberta. Undoubtedly, you are aware that significant critical media attention has been focused on the RCMP's response in High River, in particular the seizure and temporary storage of unsecured firearms, which were left behind as flood waters rose.

Despite our best efforts, to publicly communicate the circumstances surrounding our actions in High River, there was a mounting criticism and skepticism in some quarters as to the propriety of our response.

Yesterday, the Commissioner, while expressing pride in the Force's response in High River acknowledged this growing criticism and consequently asked the Commission for Public Complaints against the RCMP to look into the circumstances giving rise to our actions. This should not be understood as anything other than an opportunity to communicate the reasons for our actions to our citizens through this independent body.

The Commanding Officer and I want you to know that we will continue to support the work of our members and are confident that an independent review of our efforts will provide citizens with the same level of confidence in our work.

As Commissioner Paulson has indicated, we as an organization are fully committed to cooperating with the review by the CPC, with the knowledge that public confidence in our work is essential to maintaining the trusting relationship that is so important in policing.

We believe that this process will provide a clear understanding of the facts and challenges faced by our employees during an unprecedented natural disaster. As we move forward, please know that K Division Senior Management is fully committed to supporting you in the important work ahead.

To those who are currently assisting with remediation efforts, and to all K Division employees, please know how appreciative and impressed we are with your dedication and commitment to duty. K Division continues to receive accolades and positive messaging from the public praising the efforts of our front-line members.

Keep up the great work and thank you for ongoing commitment to the safety and security of all Albertans.

M.C. (Marianne) Ryan, M.O.M.  
Assistant Commissioner  
A. Commanding Officer K Division

2013-07-09 22:06 Author: PS McDONALD, John Task Action: 2,518

From: Marianne RYAN  
To: ROUSSEL, Sylvain  
CC: HARRISON, Kevin, GINGERYSTY, Grant, SAGE, Gordon, STEPHENSON, George  
Date: 2013/07/09 10:06 PM  
Subject: Update  
Thank you Sylvain for putting this together - I very much appreciate it. Marianne  
Marianne Ryan  
Assistant Commissioner  
Officer in Charge

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—Original Message—

From: Sylvain ROUSSEL

Cc: HARRISON, Kevin <Kevin.Harrison@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

To: RYAN, Marianne <marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Cc: GINGERYSTY, Grant <Grant.GINGERYSTY@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Cc: SAGE, Gordon <Gordon.SAGE@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 7/9/2013 11:49:40 PM

Subject: Fwd: Update

Good evening:

As requested below, here is the firearms response to your query.

There are a total of 309 firearms that are currently secured at the High River Detachment. Out of these 309 firearms, owners of 96 firearms have requested that the High River RCMP secure these 96 firearms for long term storage.

In addition to the 309 firearms currently secured, 44 firearms were voluntarily surrendered by the public to the High River Detachment due to irreparable damage to these firearms caused by the flooding. On this note there has been 400,000 - 450,000 rounds of ammunition that was also surrendered by the public for destruction.

There has also been 321 firearms that have been returned to the public by the High River RCMP.

Sgt. JHS (Sylvain) ROUSSEL

Serious Organized Crime - Team 2

Calgary

Cell: 403 875 4726

>>> Kevin HARRISON 2013/07/09 5:16 PM >>>

Gentlemen, between the two of you, could you please obtain the information requested by the A/C.O. I am fine with a direct delivery of the information to her. Plse cc me though.

Kevin L. Harrison, C/Supt.

District Commander

South Alberta District

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>>> RYAN, Marianne(Marianne RYAN) 2013/07/09 4:16 PM >>>

Kevin - the Prov Gov't. is asking for an update on the return of firearms we seized during our searches. If we could task the evening incident Commander in High River with getting this info for me, I'd appreciate it. I think it might also be worthwhile to include any info with respect to firearms and ammo which may have been turned in by HR residents or whether we are being asked to hang on to firearms for safety purposes. Thanks for your help with this. Marianne

Marianne Ryan

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2013-07-10 08:06

Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden

Task Action: 2,359

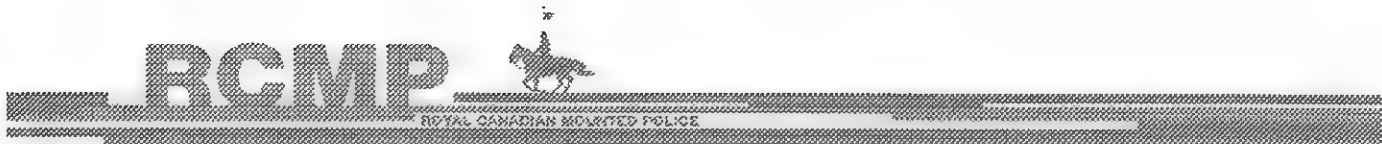
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From: @gov.ab.ca>  
 To: "'marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca'" <marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
 Date: 2013-07-10 08:06  
 Subject: Re: Firearms Update

Thanks Marianne.

----- Original Message -----

From: Marianne RYAN [mailto:marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]  
 Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2013 10:14 PM  
 To:  
 Subject: Firearms Update

- here is the latest update with respect to the return of firearms which were seized by police during the search and rescue phase of the flooding in High River.

There are a total of 309 firearms that are currently secured at the High River Detachment. Out of these 309 firearms, owners of 96 firearms have requested that the High River RCMP secure these 96 firearms for long term storage.

In addition to the 309 firearms currently secured, 44 firearms were voluntarily surrendered by the public to the High River Detachment due to irreparable damage to these firearms caused by the flooding. On this note there has been 400,000 - 450,000 rounds of ammunition that was also surrendered by the public for destruction.

There has also been 321 firearms that have been returned to the public by the High River RCMP.

I will continue to keep you updated on this issue. Marianne

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2013-07-10 19:00 Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden Task Action: 2,358

From: @gov.ab.ca>  
 To: "'marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca'" <marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
 Date: 2013-07-10 19:00  
 Subject: Re: Firearms Update

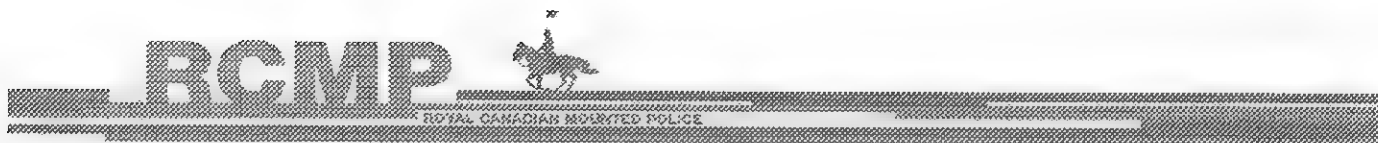
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Thanks Marianne...!

— Original Message —

From: Marianne RYAN [mailto:marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]

Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 06:48 PM

To:

Subject: Firearms Update

Totals for today

We gave back 4 firearms.

We took in 10 firearms for destruction and a bag of misc ammo.

We also took in 11 firearms for storage.

We now have 320 firearms in Total, of those 109 are for storage. Plus 54 firearms for destruction.

I should be able to give you daily updates until we get the numbers down more. Marianne

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2013-07-11 13:17 Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden Task Action: 2,357

From: Dale MCGOWAN

To: RYAN, Marianne

Date: 2013-07-11 13:17

Subject: Re: Firearms Numbers

Also Marianne we should discuss with the Chiefs the challenges of securing a voluntary evac order and then being asked to maintain it despite people behind.

Dale

—Original Message—

From: Marianne RYAN

To: MCGOWAN, Dale <dale.mcgowan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 07/11/2013 14:35:11

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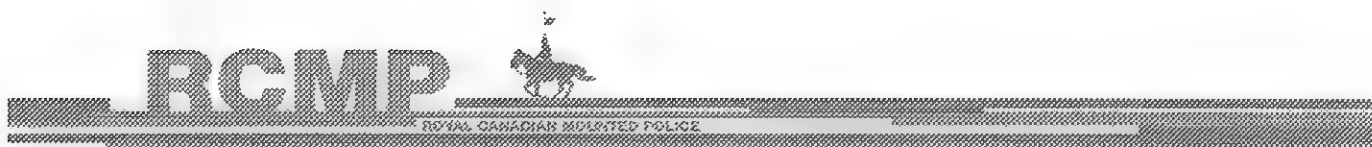


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**Subject: Re: Firearms Numbers**

It was my understanding that we had about half left but will get this clarified for today's report. Just at the Chiefs Round Table meeting in Calgary for you - needless to say, the topic of our various responses to the flood is being discussed. Marianne

Marianne Ryan  
Assistant Commissioner  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Dale MCGOWAN  
To: RYAN, Marianne <marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 7/11/2013 2:21:22 PM  
Subject: Re: Firearms Numbers

This is good Marianne and I see it is mentioned in the sit reps too. I am going to update the Minister on it as well. I am wondering if we are able to determine how many of the guns we detained are still left? Dale

-----Original Message-----

From: Marianne RYAN  
To: MCGOWAN, Dale <dale.mcgowan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
Cc: HANEY, John <John.Haney@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 07/10/2013 20:49:15  
Subject: Firearms Numbers

FYI - Marianne

Marianne Ryan  
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2013-07-12 15:07

Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden

Task Action: 2,356

From: @gov.ab.ca  
To: Marianne RYAN <marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
Date: 2013-07-12 15:07  
Subject: RE: RCMP Search and Rescue

Thanks again Marianne..

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### TASK00227 - NOTES: KDIV\_FLOODING - RYAN, MARIANNE (A/COMM)

From: Marianne RYAN [mailto:marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]

Sent: Friday, July 12, 2013 2:06 PM

To:

Subject: RCMP Search and Rescue

for your information, I'd like to provide some information with respect to the authorities and legal justification the members of the RCMP were operating under in High River during the search and rescue phase of this flooding.

By way of background, on Thursday June 20th, the heavy rain and fast flowing water through the town of High River resulted in an emergency evacuation for all residents of the town of High River. As first responders, the RCMP immediately engaged in the coordination and evacuation of as many of the residents as possible under some very challenging and dangerous weather and flooding conditions. Due to the very fast flowing water and rising water levels, many of the residents were not able to leave their homes through normal exits and were forced to retreat to higher areas of their homes including their roof tops. Despite efforts to rescue stranded people with boats and other marine assets, the boat rescue operation also had to be suspended due to the fast flowing rivers of water and large floating debris (garden sheds, vehicles, picnic tables) in the streets of the town. Rescue efforts quickly turned to a request for air assets to assist in the rescue of residents from their roof tops and to that end, a local private helicopter company out of Red Deer was quickly contacted and deployed to High River. In addition, a call for assistance to the Canadian military was made for the deployment of SAR helicopters to hoist people from the roof tops of their homes and businesses. During the course of the air rescue, 600 rescue missions were performed by both the private helicopter company and the CF resources.

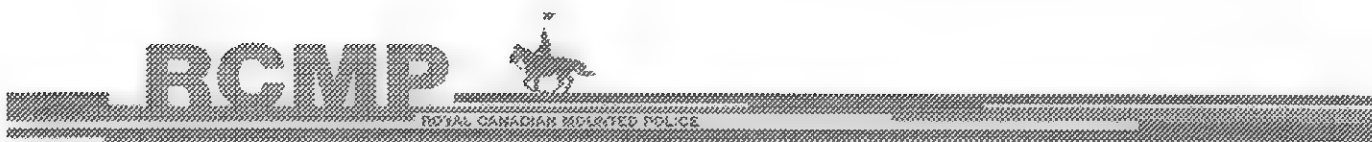
On Friday June 21st, the rescue mission by the RCMP turned to efforts to locate people who had been stranded inside their homes from the previous day and were unable to escape due to a physical disability, age, or perhaps being pinned or barricaded by items inside the homes. Based on the premise that police are subject to a common law duty to protect life and the exigent circumstances which existed at the time of this flooding disaster, RCMP officers entered private residences in High River to search for occupants who may be at risk or harm without a search warrant. During these residential searches, several people (28) were indeed found stranded in their homes and were subsequently rescued.

#### Seizures in Plain View

While we were engaged in these residential searches for stranded occupants, we came across situations where firearms had been left unsecured inside the home. We cannot, legally, ignore this and must seize them and make them secure until they can be returned to their owner. We recognize people left in a mad rush, and as such may well not have had time to secure their firearms, so we are not interested in pursuing those types of charges.

If other items were seized under the plain view doctrine, such as illegal drugs, an assessment would have been made as to whether grounds existed to obtain a Search Warrant to search for additional evidence and whether there was time permitting. To my knowledge, no additional search warrants were pursued.

I am also aware of the provisions of the Emergency Management Act and we have obtained a legal opinion from our counsel through the DOJ as to how and when we should consider the provisions of this Act. It is my understanding that authority from the Minister should be obtained if homes are to be inspected for any health or structural issues. The opinion from DOJ with respect to our actions in general is that given the chaotic evacuation of some southern Alberta towns, and the impracticality of conducting inquiries, that the RCMP have a good argument that members simply do not know whether someone is injured inside or whether there are latent dangers like ruptured fuel lines,



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and need to enter to ensure public safety and protection of property.

To summarize, I believe our actions taken as a result of the flooding were done in good faith and with the proper legal justification. Marianne

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2013-07-17 13:58 Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden Task Action: 2,365

From: Suk Pal  
To: RYAN, Marianne  
Date: 2013-07-17 13:58  
Subject: Re: High River - CPC Investigation  
CC: Armstrong, Janice; DEGRAND, Marlin; Dunn, Steven; HANEY, John; Pal, ...

Thanks Ma'am, this is fine. I'll touch up C/Supt Stephenson and/or Larry if I need anything further. Enjoy your time off.  
suk.

>>> Marianne RYAN 2013-07-17 15:48 >>>

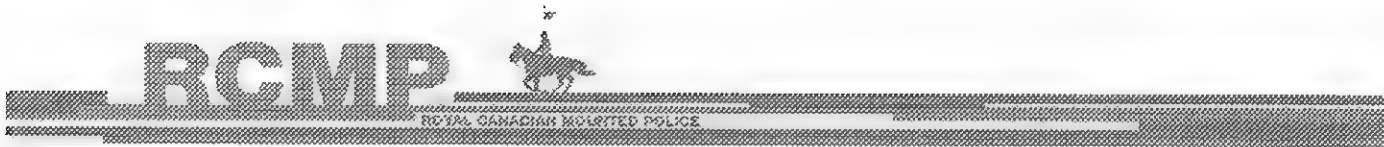
Suk - as a follow up to your email, I can advise that we have assembled a team to specifically work with the CPC on this matter.

This team includes a Team Leader, a File Coordinator and assigned personnel from K Div Crops and Southern Alberta District which has already commenced with the collection and organization of the requested material.

While it is anticipated that there will be a significant amount of material to organize, it is fully expected that this material will be assembled and forwarded within the requested 30 day timeline to Insp. Larry Brookson, OIC National Public Complaints Unit. I do not anticipate that we will encounter any challenges in assembling this information in an expeditious manner.

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I will also be AOL after this week and have asked C/Supt. George Stephenson to be your point of contact on this while I am on leave should you require anything further.

Please advise if this email addresses your query in the interim.

Marianne

M.C. (Marianne) Ryan  
Assistant Commissioner  
Officer In Charge Criminal Operations  
"K" Division  
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>>> Suk Pal 2013/07/17 12:16 PM >>>

Good afternoon A/Comms Armstrong and Ryan,

Mesdames, please see the attached letter from **CPC** in regard to the investigation of events at High River. The Commissioner has reviewed the letter and asked that I pass it on to you. He further reiterated that you please ensure that CPC is provided with all the cooperation they need. He is aware of the steps A/Commr Ryan has already taken in this regard.

Specific to the letter, can you please advise me of the general progress in providing the CPC with the material they've requested, namely:

- copies of relevant files;
- any statements taken in connection with these events;
- any video or audio recordings of or relating to the activities, including communication centre (OCC) recordings;
- all notebook entries, continuation reports, and correspondence (electronic or otherwise) relating to these events;
- all applicable national, divisional and detachment level policies for this time period;
- all other materials that would assist the CPC investigation.

Thank you.

Regards,  
suk.

Suk. Pal, Inspector

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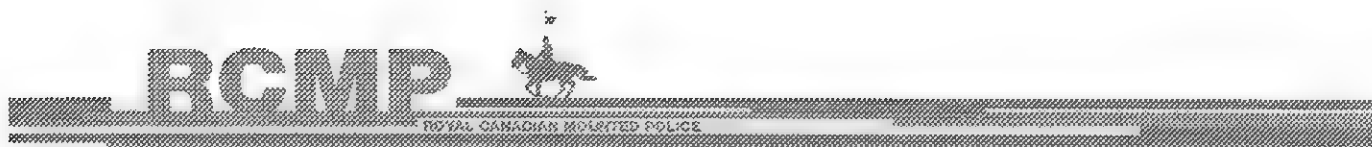
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2013-07-19 14:29 Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden Task Action: 2,354

From: Andrea CHURCH  
To: CAMPBELL, RON; DE GOEIJ, Glenn; HARRISON, Kevin; JONES, Brian; NEELY...  
Date: 2013-07-19 14:29  
Subject: Re: FYI: Sun news interview wrt High River gun Issue

<http://www.sunnewsnetwork.ca/archives/sunnews/politics/2013/07/20130719-152323.html>

sorry about that.

A  
>>> Marianne RYAN 2013/07/19 2:22 PM >>>  
Can you provide the link Andrea as I don't think it attached? Marianne

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To: HARRISON, Kevin <Kevin.Harrison@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
To: DE GOEIJ, Glenn <glenn.degoelj@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
To: CAMPBELL, RON <RON.CAMPBELL@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
To: RYAN, Marianne <marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
To: STEPHENSON, George <george.stephenson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
To: JONES, Brian <brian.jones@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
To: NEELY, Patricia <Patricia.NEELY@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
To: SCHLOSSER, Mary <mary.schlosser@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 7/19/2013 3:54:21 PM  
Subject: FYI: Sun news interview wrt High River gun issue

Hi Folks,

Sun News Interview with Patty Neely re: High River gun issue.  
Very well done - good information, key messaging, clarification of issue.

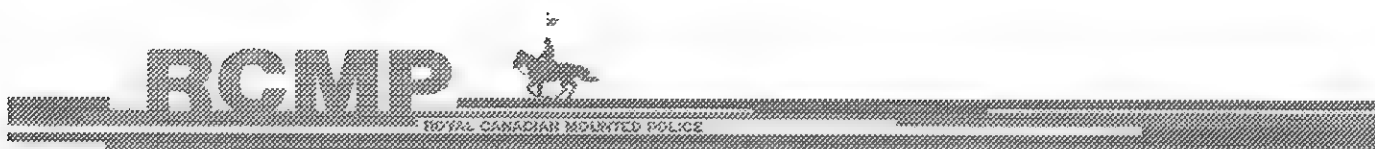
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Regards,

Andrea

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2013-08-01 15:27 Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden Task Action: 2,353

From: Carla KIT  
To: SAD\_Flooding  
Date: 2013-08-01 15:27  
Subject: Fwd: Re: FYI: Sun news Interview wrt High River gun issue  
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NOC .....draft for review; FW: Southern AB Flooding POC Event Update #1 - 1400 20 June; FW: MJSG BN 13-049 Flooding In Southern Alberta - Southern Alberta District 2013-06-20; Re: Fwd: Flooding situation In High River, Alberta - DND requested to assist; MJSG BN 13-049 Flooding In Southern Alberta - Southern Alberta District 2013-06-20; Re: request for military assistance; Re: NOC BN 13-062 Flooding In Southern Alberta - Southern Alberta District 2013-06-20; Re: request for military assistance; Re: Flooding In Alberta; Re: Flooding In Alberta; Fw: Heavy Rainfall

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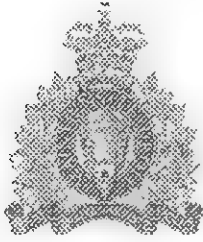
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**CANADIAN FIREARMS PROGRAM STRATEGIC MEDIA SCAN**  
**NOTES FOR THE DIRECTOR GENERAL**

**ISSUE:** The RCMP's seizure of firearms in High River, Alberta has engendered positive and negative reactions from various media outlets, including outlets from the United States of America.

**REFERENCE(S):** Lorne Gunter, QMI Agency, "Black eye for the Red Serge", 2013-07-02.  
[http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/07/ps-20137308796811\\_1939.htm](http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/07/ps-20137308796811_1939.htm)

Damian Wood, Calgary Sun, "Mounties say no seizure order issued for firearms they were simply found and secured", 2013-07-02.  
[http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/07/ps-20137255546633\\_1937.htm](http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/07/ps-20137255546633_1937.htm).

Raven Clabough, The New American, "Canadian Police Seize Firearms From Evacuated Homes", 2013-07-02.  
<http://www.thenewamerican.com/world-news/north-america/item/15875-canadian-police-seize-firearms-from-evacuated-homes>.

Rob Breakenridge, Calgary Herald, "Gun seizures Trigger Scrutiny of RCMP's Motive", 2013-07-02.  
<http://www.calgaryherald.com/opinion/columnists/Breakenridge+seizures+trigger+scrutiny+RCMP+motives/8607369/story.html>

**CONSIDERATIONS:**

- The Canadian Firearms Program is not responsible for the seizure of firearms. This activity fell under the purview of 'K' Division in this instance.
- The articles by Gunter, Clabough and Breakenridge imply that the firearms were illegally seized. According to RCMP officials, the firearms that were seized were not safely stored and therefore in contravention of the *Storage, Display, Transportation and Handling of Firearms by Individuals Regulations* prescribed pursuant to subsection 117(h) of the *Firearms Act*. The officers may therefore have the right to seize these firearms under subsection 117.04(2) of the *Criminal Code*.

**ACTIONS:**

- No action required.

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ISSUE: University of Toronto group fabricated a Liberator pistol using a 3D printer.

References:

Justin Giovannetti, Globe and Mail [http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/07/ps-201375D-Gun-Printed1218460\\_1796.htm](http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/07/ps-201375D-Gun-Printed1218460_1796.htm)

CONSIDERATIONS:

The article in question made the following claims:

**The team at U of T didn't break any laws.**

- In this instance, laws may have been broken should the individual who actually printed the firearm not be in possession of a valid restricted firearms licence (Matt Ratto does not). In addition, if the Liberator was made to factory specifications, it is considered a prohibited firearm. As such, only businesses with the appropriate licence would be able to print such a firearm. Without such a licence the production of the firearm would be illegal and punishable under subsection 99(1) of the Criminal Code.

**Canadian law strictly prohibits the practice of making homemade guns.**

- It is illegal to manufacture or possess a firearm without the appropriate licenses and applicable registrations. If, for example, law enforcement found an individual in possession of a 3D printer-manufactured firearm without appropriate licences and registration, the firearm could be seized and the individual charged.

**When asked how police could stop people from printing handguns in their basement, Dr. Ratto's response was curt: "They can't."**

- According to a press release by Danish company Create It REAL, the company's new software will "prevent 3D printing of guns" by recognizing not designs for specific guns, but instead specific components that would be used in the construction of the firearms.  
Graeme McMillan, Fox News: "New firearm component detection algorithm prevents 3D gun printing" (dated June 23, 2013) <http://www.foxnews.com/tech/2013/06/27/new-firearm-component-detection-algorithm-prevents-3d-gun-printing/>.



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**CANADIAN FIREARMS PROGRAM STRATEGIC MEDIA SCAN**  
**NOTES FOR THE DIRECTOR GENERAL**

ISSUE: Commissioner Paulson has referred to the High River, Alberta situation as a "firearms seizure" in contrast to earlier statement made by the RCMP that indicated the firearms in question were not seized but "secured".

REFERENCE(S): Faith Goldy, 2013-07-09, Sun Media "Underway: RCMP Gun Grab Investigation", [http://www.faithgoldy.ca/underway-rcmp-gun-grab-investigation/#discuss\\_thread](http://www.faithgoldy.ca/underway-rcmp-gun-grab-investigation/#discuss_thread)

**CONSIDERATIONS:**

- According to RCMP officials, the firearms that were seized were not safely stored and therefore in contravention of the Storage, Display, Transportation and Handling of Firearms by Individuals Regulations prescribed pursuant to subsection 117(h) of the Firearms Act. The officers may therefore have the right to seize these firearms under subsection 117.04(2) of the Criminal Code.
- As of July 3, 2013 the RCMP has begun returning the firearms to their owners.

**ACTIONS:**

- No action required.



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**CANADIAN FIREARMS PROGRAM STRATEGIC MEDIA SCAN**  
**NOTES FOR THE DIRECTOR GENERAL**

ISSUE: High River Alberta Firearms seizure investigation to begin shortly. Questions remain regarding the legality of the seizure and public opinion appears to have remained polarized in editorials and letter to the editor on this issue.

REFERENCE(S) :

Jessica Hume, 2013-07-19, "RCMP yet to begin gun seizure investigation", Sun Media, [http://www.sunnewsnetwork.ca/sun\\_news/politics/archives/2013/07/2\\_0130719-152323.html](http://www.sunnewsnetwork.ca/sun_news/politics/archives/2013/07/2_0130719-152323.html)

Faith Goldy, 2013-07-20 "Confession: RCMP gun grab included legally stored firearms", Sun Media, <http://www.faithgoldy.ca/>

CONSIDERATIONS:

- Public sentiment surrounding the seizure of firearms in the wake of the High River Alberta flood is still very polarized.
- The RCMP has confirmed that in some cases trigger locks were used for the firearms in question.
  - The class of the firearms with trigger locks that were seized was not given in the article. Restricted firearms must also be stored in a locked container so that it cannot be readily broken into.
  - Under subsection 117.04(2) of the *Criminal Code*, the peace officer must be satisfied that there are reasonable grounds to believe that it is not desirable, in the interests of the safety of the person or any other person, for the person to possess the firearm to seize it without warrant. As such, even if trigger locks were used, in this case the RCMP may still be justified due to the state of emergency in High River.
- It is unclear whether or not the RCMP requires an ATT for individuals to reclaim their firearms (note that ATTs would only be required for restricted firearms).

ACTIONS:

- No action required.



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**CANADIAN FIREARMS PROGRAM STRATEGIC MEDIA SCAN**  
**NOTES FOR THE DIRECTOR GENERAL**

**ISSUE:** RCMP confirmed that secured firearms were seized while RCMP officers searched for survivors during the flooding in High River Alberta.

**REFERENCE(S):** Daren Makowichuk, QMI Agency "RCMP seized secured guns in High River" Sun Media, 2013-07-22

**CONSIDERATIONS:**

- The RCMP claimed only non-secured firearms were seized.
- Secured does not necessarily mean stored pursuant to the *Storage, Display, Transportation and Handling of Firearms by Individuals Regulations*.
- If the firearms in question were all non-restricted, then trigger locks are sufficient for compliance with section 5 of the *Storage, Display, Transportation and Handling of Firearms by Individuals Regulations*. However, restricted and prohibited firearms must also be locked in a container, vault or room and meet supplementary conditions under the Regulations.
- It is known that at least one prohibited firearm was seized.
- Further, the Criminal Code provides much more general authority to police.

**ACTIONS:**

- No action required.

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**ISSUE:** Two men charged with possession of a prohibited firearm and manufacturing a firearm in Whitehorse.

**REFERENCE:** Charges laid after weapons seized, Whitehorse Star, 2013-07-22  
[http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/allcontent/articles/unrestricted/2013/07/all201375128183\\_19.htm](http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/allcontent/articles/unrestricted/2013/07/all201375128183_19.htm)

**CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Individuals may manufacture the class of firearms for which they have a licence. No information on the licence status of the two men was provided in the article.

**ACTION:**

- No action required.



**CFP-ATIP - Re: Access to Information Act request A-2013-04354 / F143**

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Good morning Tammy,

I can confirm that FIESD-NWEST in the Western Region have no records relating to any search of private homes and seizure of firearms in High River.

Our only involvement is in relation to assisting the detachment with the destruction of flood damaged ammunition turned in to police by residents of the community. So far, about 2,800 pounds of assorted ammunition and explosive powders have been destroyed using our Mobile Ammunition Combustion Systems (MACS) and controlled burns.

On behalf of Supt. Sylvain Berthiaume, Dir. FIESD  
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Good day,

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Please note diary date was July 25, 2013.

Thank you,

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